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SSLC, II PU classes to re-open from Jan.1

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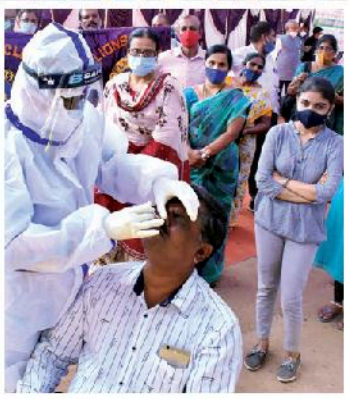

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (RK,SPN& SSV)- All precautionary measures have been taken to conduct SSLC and II PU classes across the district from Jan. 1, 2021. Besides, preparations are in place to resume *Vidyagama* programme for students from 6th to 9th standards from the New Year. The schools and colleges are re-opening after a gap of nearly nine months due to COVID-19 pandemic.

In regard to SSLC and *Vidyagama* programme, T.A. Paramesh, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP), told media persons here yesterday that all schools would be sanitised and Panchayat Development Officers (PDOs) of every village have been asked to confirm with the ZP on the total sanitisation of schools and toilets. Teachers and students would be allowed inside the schools only after thermal scanning. Permission had been given to the school authorities to buy thermal scanner from Taluk Panchayat or from Health Department. Directions issued by the State Government have been followed strictly, he added.

He further said that ASHA workers would visit every house daily to keep a watch on health of every student and his/ her parents and to share that information with Health Department. Sending children to school or attending classes is not compulsory, the ZP CEO clarified.

(See CLASSES on page 7)

Legislative Council Deputy Chairman dies by suicide

Severed body found on Railway track

Dharme Gowda

Chikkamagalur, Dec. 29 (UNI & Agencies)- In a shocking late night development, Karnataka Legislative Council Deputy Chairman S.L. Dharme Gowda (65) allegedly died by suicide after leaving a death note. The JD(S) Legislator was found dead on a Railway track near Gunasagara in Kadur taluk of Chikkamagalur, his home district.

Confirming the news, top sources said that they are probing the case for more details. According to them, his body was found around 2 am in the wee hours of today. Police said, "The matter is under investigation. There was a death note recovered from the site but we cannot give out details of what's in it."

According to Police, Dharme Gowda had asked his official gunman and escort to leave him alone on Monday evening. He had left his home in Sakharayapattana in an old personal Santro car with his driver and came to Gunasagara at around 6 pm. He then asked his driver to leave him as he had to meet someone close to him.

His last call is said to have made enquiries about train timings from a friend in Kadur. When Dharme Gowda did not return home even late at night, his family is said to have alerted authorities who launched a search. Based on cellphone signals, they located his body on Mankenahalli Railway track. His head was separated from the body.

His body has been sent for autopsy at McGann Hospital in Shivamogga and according to his brother S.L. Bhoje Gowda, who is also an MLC, the last rites would be held at the Madagadakere farmhouse that the family owns in Sakharayapattana.

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No New Year-Eve bash beyond 11.30 pm: DCP

Prohibitory orders clamped at Balamuri, Yedamuri, Muthathi and KRS backwaters

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (RK&BCT)- The New Year-Eve celebration in Mysuru will not be a glitzy affair this year. Like all other celebrations and religious events in a COVID-hit age, welcoming the New Year will also be a low-key affair as the Mysuru City Police have asked all hotels, restaurants, bars and clubs to shut shop by 11.30 pm on the New Year-Eve (Dec. 31).

In pre-COVID times, the closing hour for New Year parties in Mysuru would be usually extended till 1 am. But this year, celebrations will be ending at 11.30 pm.

This instruction was passed on by Deputy Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda while addressing a meeting of city hoteliers and owners of bars and restaurants at the City Police Commissioner's Office in Nazarbad yesterday.

The City Police move comes just after the Bengaluru Police announced the imposition of prohibitory orders from 6 pm of Dec. 31 to 6 am of Jan. 1 in the State Capital in the wake of fresh threat of a new strain of the Coronavirus. As per the orders, gathering of five or more people at a particular place is prohibited.

(See NEW YEAR on page 7)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 29th December 2020

Call to teach Yakshagana values to students

Mysuru, Dec.29 (YDS&DM)- Yakshagana Academy member Diwakar Hegde has called upon art exponents to educate students on the values of Yakshagana.

He was speaking after inaugurating 'Yakshagana Natya' classes organised jointly by Karavali Yakshagana Kendra and Karnataka Yakshagana Academy at Srikrishnadhama in Saraswathipuram here recently.

Noting that Mysuru-based Karavali Yakshagana Kendra has been educating students on the values and spirit of Yakshagana, Diwakar Hegde said that Yakshagana, which is known as a representative art in Karnataka, flows in our blood.

Stating that Yakshagana is the most 'Atmanirbhar' art, he called upon all Yakshagana lovers to make children more educated in this form of the art.

Yakshagana exponent G.S. Bhat said that there is a very close bonding between Mysuru and Yakshagana, considered as a coastal art.

Recalling the erstwhile Mysore Maharajas' love for Yakshagana, he said that Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar who was a great lover of Yakshagana used to organise plays by Yakshagana artistes from Dharmasthala.

Noting that he has been living in Mysuru for 50 years, Bhat said that two Yakshagana plays are being performed every year in Mysuru. Asserting that Yakshagana plays a key role in students developing 'Samskara', he highlighted that it is important to make students develop keen interest towards the art at a young age.

Yakshagana Kendra's Manoj Bhat and others were present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

We have learnt a few things from this terrible time. We have learnt how much we can do without, how little we really need. We have learnt the joy of thrift, the beauty of austerity. We have learnt that we need human company, that we need human touch. Watching people frantically trying to get home from wherever they were, we re-learnt the importance of home. We saw for the first time the invisible strata of our cities, when migrant workers made a rush for home, some walking hundreds of miles, some dying before they reached home. We discovered how much the women who helped us at home lightened our tasks, allowed us to do other things. Above all, we could have, hopefully, learnt the lesson: All things are connected. For the first time, maybe, the whole world has united in suffering, in fear of the virus and grief at the deaths. But the demand for vaccine tells us how little has changed. Rich nations are buying more than they need. Scientists are above pettiness, but politicians are not. The cloak of liberalism and humanism has fallen, there's only selfishness left. The virus remains a great leveller; it doesn't care about race, colour, nation, gender. All humans are fair game. Will we remember these things in the future? Not very likely, because we have been given the gift of amnesia. Burdened as we are with the knowledge of our own mortality, would we have survived if not for forgetfulness?

— Shashi Deshpande in The Indian Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man turns items into complex exoskeletons

New York: Known as the "Brooklyn Transformer", Peter Kokis has become a very recognisable figure in New York, thanks to an arsenal of impressive robot exoskeletons made out of all sorts of everyday items.

A former military pilot, Peter Kokis started making his now-famous exoskeletons after joking around with an ex-girlfriend. At one point, during a conversations, she told him "you're too stiff, you need to loosen up and do something weird," and he decided she was right. Using his experience in aviation, he started piecing together things he had around the house into an impressive exoskeleton that became known as Squid Boy. But that was only the beginning, as over the years he made wearable costumes inspired by the likes of The Transformers, The Terminator or the Xenomorphs of Alien.

Old lighthouse turned into work of art

Cantabria: Spanish artist Okuda San Miguel turned a non-descript lighthouse in northern Spain's Cantabria region into an eye-catching work of art.

Inspired by the "natural wealth of the region by representing local fauna and, with its textures, the cultural diversity of a modern and open Cantabria, which is connected to the world," Okuda San Miguel turned the Faro de Ajo lighthouse into a technicolor work of art, featuring more than 70 vibrant hues. Okuda started work on the 16-meter-tall lighthouse in August and completed the project, titled "Infinite Cantabria", in September. Now, the region's last built lighthouse is meant to become a symbol of the cultural diversity of a modern and open Cantabria.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Myth – Fad Diets Work Well for Permanent Weight Loss

Fact- Fad diets often promise quickly weight loss by omitting certain foods from your diet, but they may be unhealthy, nutritionally imbalanced, cause fatigue, nausea and stress on livers and kidneys. Fad diets are not sustainable.

By Kavya. J - Department of Dietetics & Nutrition

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Mysuru

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	63
Total positive cases	:	52,289
Discharges yesterday	:	88
Total discharges	:	50,772
Deaths yesterday	:	0
Total deaths	:	1,010
Total active cases	:	507

Mandya

Positive cases yesterday	:	26
Total positive cases	:	19,386
Total discharges	:	19,084
Total deaths	:	147
Total active cases	:	155

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	8
Total positive cases	:	6,750
Total discharges	:	6,529
Total deaths	:	119
Total active cases	:	91

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	27
Total positive cases	:	5,709
Total discharges	:	5,550
Total deaths	:	71
Total active cases	:	88

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	9
Total positive cases	:	27,944
Total discharges	:	27,303
Total deaths	:	393
Total active cases	:	248

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A junior in an office dialled his boss' number by mistake and said:
Send coffee to my desk in 2 minutes.
Boss shouts: *Do you know who you are talking to?*
Junior: *No.*
Boss: *I am the boss of this office.*
Junior in the same tone: *Do you know who you are talking to?*
Boss: *No.*
Junior: *Thank God!!*
and disconnected the phone.

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.36
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 98.97
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.97
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.86

VOICE OF THE READER

Honking menace by motorists

Sir,

I am writing with great anguish about the honking menace by motorists travelling on various vehicles here at Akashvani Circle, Yadavagiri. This is especially those coming from Sri Ramakrishna Ashram side and moving towards the city side.

As soon as the green signal is obtained, almost all the vehicles honk continuously. Similarly when the signal is about to turn red, vehicles honk hysterically to cross the Akashvani Circle before the traffic from Yadavagiri side commences.

Very sorry to say that this is nothing but a highly uncivilised and arrogant behaviour of those persons. Unfortunately, KSRTC bus drivers are also displaying the same behaviour.

I request the public to show some concern on persons living in houses along the main road by displaying decency and civilised behaviour by not honking while driving, especially during midnight and wee hours of the day.

—Ananth

Mysuru

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CFTRI to train aspiring SC, ST entrepreneurs in food processing

Candidates may apply online before Jan.5 for free capacity-building programmes

Mysuru, Dec.29- CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru, is conducting capacity-building programmes to inculcate entrepreneurship and technical skills in food processing for aspiring and existing entrepreneurs belonging to SC and ST communities, which is sponsored by National SC-ST Hub, Ministry of MSME, Government of India.

The training programmes are conducted at CFTRI, Mysuru, between Jan.18 and Mar.12, in five areas of food processing — Nutri-cereal processes and products; Traditional sugar confectionery and sensory science concepts for product development; Entrepreneurship development programme on the processing of spices, coffee and tea; Wheat milling and baking technology; Fruit and vegetable technologies for value addition.

Each programme has a maximum intake of 20 candidates. Candidates can apply for a maximum of three training programmes, but the nomination will be considered only for one training programme after screening the application.

Candidates with a minimum 12th pass or graduates in science and interested in starting their own food business or working in the food processing industry will be preferred. Preference is given to the candidates from local and nearby districts.

Interested candidates may apply by filling the online form available at: *www.cftri.res.in* before Jan.5. There is no course fee for this programme. However, candidates have to bear their travel and accommodation expenses.

For details, contact Dr. Ajay Tumaney, Coordinator, Short Term Training Programmes, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru, by sending email to: *stc@cftri.res.in* or over Ph:0821-2514310 or visit CFTRI website *www.cftri.res.in*, according to a press release from Dr. S. V. N. Vijayendra, Coordinator, Information and Publicity.

Disruption in water supply

Mysuru, Dec. 29- Due to some technical issues related to electricity supply to Belagola pumping station, water supply will be disrupted in the following areas today and tomorrow (Dec. 29 and 30): Mandi Mohalla, Lashkar Mohalla, Yadavagiri, Bannimantap A,B,C Layouts, Eranagere, Siddiquinagar, Shivarathreeshwara Nagar, Tilaknagar, Bademakan, Haleemnagar, Devaraja Mohalla, some areas in Nazarbad, Vidyaranyapuram, Visweshwaranagar, Chamundipuram, Lourdnagar, Meena Bazar, Ward numbers 8, 17, 18, 19, 23 to 40, 41, 55, 60, 61, 62, Metagalli, Hebbal Industrial Area, according to a press release from the MCC's Vani Vilas Water Supply Division Executive Engineer.

CESC grievances meet on Dec. 31

Mysuru, Dec. 29- Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will be conducting public grievances meeting on Dec. 31 at 11 am for power consumers of Varuna division. Consumers can air their grievances at the meeting.

Govt. sends Ordinance on Anti-Cow Slaughter Bill to Governor for assent

Bengaluru, Dec.29 (KMS& SSV)- The State Government has decided to promulgate an Ordinance to bring into effect the much-debated Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Bill (2020), following its passage in the State Legislative Assembly but blocked by Janata Dal (Secular) and Congress members in the State Legislative Council on Dec.10.

Yediyurappa

Vajubhai R. Vala

This was decided at the State Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa here yesterday. The Bill would be now sent to Governor Vajubhai R. Vala for his assent.

"Our Government is firm on protecting cows so the Bill had been implemented through an Ordinance. In a few days, it will be a law. So, there will be no more cattle slaughter in the State," remarked Animal Husbandry Minister Prabhu Chavan.

Briefing reporters after the Cabinet meeting, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said that "slaughter houses will continue to function and beef consumption will not be prohibited. The anti-cow slaughter law is not new. We have had it for decades. Previously, there was a ban on slaughter of cows until the age of thirteen. We have just extended it with the intention that older cows should not be abandoned. Since the prohibition does not extend to buffaloes, there is no ban on beef consumption," he clarified.

He said there was confusion in the earlier law with not much scope for litigation on the age of the cows. The new legislation would put an end to such confusion. The Government was also looking at building goshalas to ensure that aged cows that are not used for milching, do not become a burden on the farmer.

The 2020 Bill was a harsher version of a law passed by the BJP in 2010 during Yediyurappa regime. It aimed at banning all forms of cattle slaughter by recommending stringent penalties for violators. The Bill was shelved in 2013 when the Congress Government led by Chief Minister Siddharamaiah came to power, since it failed to get the Governor's nod.

The Congress had then reverted to the Karnataka Prevention of Cow Slaughter and Preservation of Animals Act, 1964, which banned the killing of any cow or calf of she-buffalo. It, however, had certain relaxations like it allowed the slaughter of bullock, buffalo-male or female if it was certified by a competent authority to be above the age of 12 years, incapacitated for breeding or deemed sick.

The Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Bill, 2020 proposes a maximum of seven years' imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 5 lakh for the offenders. It seeks a total ban on the slaughter of cows in the State and provides for stringent punishment to those who indulge in smuggling, illegal transportation, atrocities on cows and slaughtering them.

'Stopping illegal slaughtering is our priority'

Cow is the root of India's culture, faith and farmers' livelihood. All of us must rise above politics to help the growth of the State's cattle assets. But, opposing this Bill for political reasons and misleading the public is intolerable. As many as 2.38 lakh cows are slaughtered every year. Even a day's delay would lead to slaughter of 662 cows. If it continues at this pace, we aren't far away from a time when cows will only be read about in books. Stopping illegal transportation and slaughtering is our priority."

—Prabhu Chavan, Animal Husbandry Minister

'I will eat beef, who are you to question?'

Siddharamaiah

Strongly opposing promulgating an Ordinance to implement the Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Bill (2020), Leader of Opposition in the State Legislative Assembly Siddharamaiah said he will eat the cow meat (beef) and none can stop him.

Speaking at the 136th Foundation Day of Congress Party at Congress Bhavan in Bengaluru on Monday, he said this Act was not new as it was first brought into effect by Congress in 1964 and the incumbent Government, after making a few changes, was implementing it. "I will eat cow meat and who are you to stop it. Saying this, I am not forcing anyone to eat. My food, my wish. None can dictate terms. We, the Congressmen must be bold enough to tell this to the Government," Siddharamaiah stated.

Govt. mulls Joint Session from Jan. 18: Law Minister

Madhuswamy

Bengaluru, Dec. 29 (KMS& SSV)- The State Government is seriously thinking convening a Joint Session of the State Legislature from Jan. 18, said Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy.

Briefing reporters after the State Cabinet meeting here yesterday, he said Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa will take a decision and inform it to the Governor who in turn will convey the House.

The Government had plans to get the Anti-Cow Slaughtering Bill passed in the Legislative Council and implement it. However, since the date for convening the first session of 2021 was not yet fixed, the Government took the Ordinance route to bring it into force. Madhuswamy said the Government had decided to reduce the cess given to the APMCs from 1 per cent to 0.60 per cent. Earlier, out of 2 per cent commission being given to traders, 0.35 per cent was given to APMCs. However, as this will cause loss to APMCs, it was decided to reduce the rate of cess. This is applicable only to those who sell inside the APMC premises, he added.

NEWS BRIEFS

Felicitation to Gavadagere Seer

Gavadagere's Om Sri Gurulinga Jangama Devara Mutt Seer Sri Nataraja Swamiji, who has undertaken a Padayatra from Gavadagere Mutt in K.R. Nagar taluk to M.M. Hills, will be felicitated by the city's Veera Vanithe Rani Chennamma Seva Sangha, at a programme to be held at CITB Choultry in Siddarthanagar at 6.30 pm today (Dec. 29). [Mob: 97394-59983 or 90083-36092].

Discount offer on footwear

As part of Christmas and New Year, 'Shoe World' at Prestige Shopping Arcade (ground floor), near Ramaswamy Circle and its new showroom at Shivarampet, opposite Mannars Market, are offering up to 50% discount on sale of high quality sandals, shoes and other footwear for men and women till Jan. 3, 2021. MCP (Multicellular polyurethane) and Medifeet - Ortho and Diabetes footwear too are available. For details, contact Head Office on Ph: 0821-2424252 or Branch Office on Ph: 2424282.

Entries invited for Academician Award

Calicut-based Shridevi Amma Foundation, a registered Charitable and Educational Trust, has invited entries from outstanding contributors in the field of education for conferment of International Academician Award. Renowned personalities in the field of education right from school to college level can apply for this recognition and the awardees are selected by a Committee of well-experienced juries as per certain criteria. For details, contact Mob: 75101-39778. The award ceremony will be held at Mysuru on Apr. 19, 2021. [e-mail-expertsacademicianawards@gmail.com; Website: www.internationalacademicianawards.com]

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	119.04 ft
Yesterday	119.19 ft
Inflow	1,167 cusecs
Outflow	2,444 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,271.22 ft
Inflow	371 cusecs
Outflow	250 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,819.40 ft
Inflow	173 cusecs
Outflow	30 cusecs

Miscreants steal sandalwood tree on busy Mysuru-Bannur Road

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (MK&KS)- Miscreants have chopped a fully grown sandalwood tree at the junction of Mysuru-Bannur Road and the road leading to Kurubarahalli Circle (Jockey Quarters Circle) on Sunday night and have taken away the trunk of the tree leaving behind the branches.

Though one or the other vehicle pass on this ever busy road as the Circle is just a few metres away from the KMF Milk Dairy and right opposite to DFRL Quarters, it is surprising how the incident did not come to the notice of anyone.

Nazarbad Police said that the Forest Department officials, who rushed to the spot on receiving information, have collected the branches of the tree left behind by the thieves. No case has been registered in this regard.

House burglars arrested

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (KS)- The City Crime Branch (CCB) Police, on Dec. 27 at about 4.30 pm, have arrested an inter-State house burglar, while he was attempting to sell the stolen jewellery in front of Bhagyalakshmi Jewellery Craft on Ashoka Road in Lashkar Mohalla.

The Police have recovered 176 gram gold ornaments, 454 gram silver articles, Rs. 25,840 cash, five US Dollars and a mobile phone which was bought with the stolen money, totalling Rs. 9 lakh.

Arrested burglar is 29-year-old Prem Kumar of Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Alapakkam, Porur in Chennai of Tamil Nadu. The accused had earlier burgled three houses in Chennai and was out on bail. A case has been registered against him at Lashkar Police Station.

DCP M.S. Geetha Prasanna and CCB ACP V. Mariyappa supervised CCB Inspector R. Jagadish, ASI D.G. Chandregowda and staff Saleem Pasha, Ramaswamy, Chikkanna, Paramesh, Shivaraju, Lakshmikanth, M.R. Ganesh, Anand, Anil, Chandrashekar, Prakash and Goutham in the nabbing and seizing operation.

In another case, Mandi Police have arrested two notorious house burglars, who had burgled a house at Lashkar Mohalla on Dec. 18 night and had decamped with gold, diamond and platinum jewellery and household items.

The accused are 35-year-old Mujju Ahmed and 40-year-old Mujamil Ahmed, both residents of Beedi Colony in Azeez Sait Nagar.

The accused were earlier involved in various cases and had also refrained from attending Court hearings since eight years besides absconding since then.

During interrogation, the accused are said to have confessed of burgling the house at Lashkar Mohalla and based on the information by the accused, the Police have recovered 225 gram gold, diamond and platinum jewellery, LCD TV, Set Top Box, DVD player worth Rs. 8 lakh and seized a Maruti 800 car used for the crime.

DCP M.S. Geetha Prasanna and NR Sub-Division ACP M. Shivashankar supervised Mandi Inspector V. Narayanaswamy, Sub-Inspectors V.R. Shabarish and Shivakumar, ASI K.S. Guruswamy and staff Jayapala, G.C. Rajendra, Santosh Kumar, Ravi Gowda, Shankar T. Bandivaddar, Hanumantha Kalleda, Kariyappa and Sameer in the nabbing, recovery and seizing operation.

Man sentenced to 5 years imprisonment for attempting to murder wife

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (KS)- City's 5th Additional District and Sessions Court has sentenced a man to five years imprisonment besides imposing a fine of Rs. 11,000 after he was found guilty of attempting to kill his wife.

The convict is Nagaraju, a resident of Hittuvalli village in T. Narasipur taluk, coming under Bannur Police limits.

Details: Nagaraju was married to Chennamma in 2007 and the couple have three children. According to the complaint lodged by Chennamma with the Police on May 11, 2017, after the third child was born, Nagaraju began to assault and harass her physically and mentally which was supported by Nagaraju's mother and sister. On May 4, 2017 night, her husband and his family members had assaulted her and her parents had advised Nagaraju, she added.

Chennamma had further stated in her complaint that the next day (May 5, 2017) at about 5 pm, while she was washing clothes, Nagaraju took her to the room and tried to suffocate her with a pillow in a bid to kill her.

The then Bannur Sub-Inspector D.K. Latesh Kumar, who had registered a case, had submitted the charge-sheet to the Court and Judge K. Doddegowda, who took up the hearing, heard the arguments from both sides, found Nagaraju guilty of the crime and sentenced him to five years jail and imposed Rs. 11,000 fine.

Public Prosecutor Nagappa C. Nakman argued on behalf of the Government.

Calling owners of seized vehicles

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (KS)- Various two-wheelers, which have been seized by Lakshmipuram Police, are now lying in the Police Station as the owners have not claimed them. The seized two-wheelers include four Kinetic scooters, two Bajaj Pulsar bikes, one Bajaj Chetak scooter, one Hero Honda Splendor bike and one Honda Activa scooter.

The Police have asked these two-wheeler owners to produce relevant documents and take their vehicles failing which the vehicles would be auctioned after taking permission from the Court and the amount will be deposited to the Government Treasury.

For details, contact Lakshmipuram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418320 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release from the Sub-Inspector, Lakshmipuram Police Station, Mysuru.

House burgled at Vijayanagar

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (MK&KS)- Burglars, who gained entry into a house by breaking open the lock of the door, have decamped with cash and gold ornaments from the house.

The burglary took place at the house of Raviprakash in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage. Raviprakash, on Dec. 25, had locked his house and had gone to Mantralaya. When he returned on Sunday afternoon, he found the lock of the front door broken and on entering the house and inspecting the rooms, he found 150 gram gold ornaments worth Rs. 4.5 lakh and Rs. 20,000 cash kept in the almirah stolen and immediately lodged a complaint. Vijayanagar Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Obituary

H.R. Alva

Mysuru, Dec. 29- H.R. Alva (89), former employee of Ideal Jawa and a resident of Gokulam 1st Main here, passed away yesterday in city.

A Rotarian and senior member of Mysore Sports Club, he leaves behind his wife Sharada Alva and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam.

S. Geetanjali

S. Geetanjali (49), wife of H.A. Gopalakrishna Murthy and a resident of Jayanagar 4th Cross here, passed away this morning at a private hospital in city.

She leaves behind her husband, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill today.

Amthur Rahim Asma

Amthur Rahim Asma (82), wife of late Basheer Ahmed and a resident of Tilaknagar, passed away yesterday morning at a private hospital in city.

A retired Head Mistress of Government Urdu Higher Primary School at Sunni Chowk in city, she leaves behind her daughter and two sons including Mansoor Ahmed, Proprietor of Ahmed & Co., Auditors and Tax Consultant and host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held at 1.30 pm at Masjid-e-Eidgah near Mission Hospital today, followed by burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

S. Manjunath

S, Manjunath (72), a retired official at the Woman and Child Welfare Department, passed away yesterday night at his residence in Mandi Mohalla in city. He was the former President of Government D Group Employees Association.

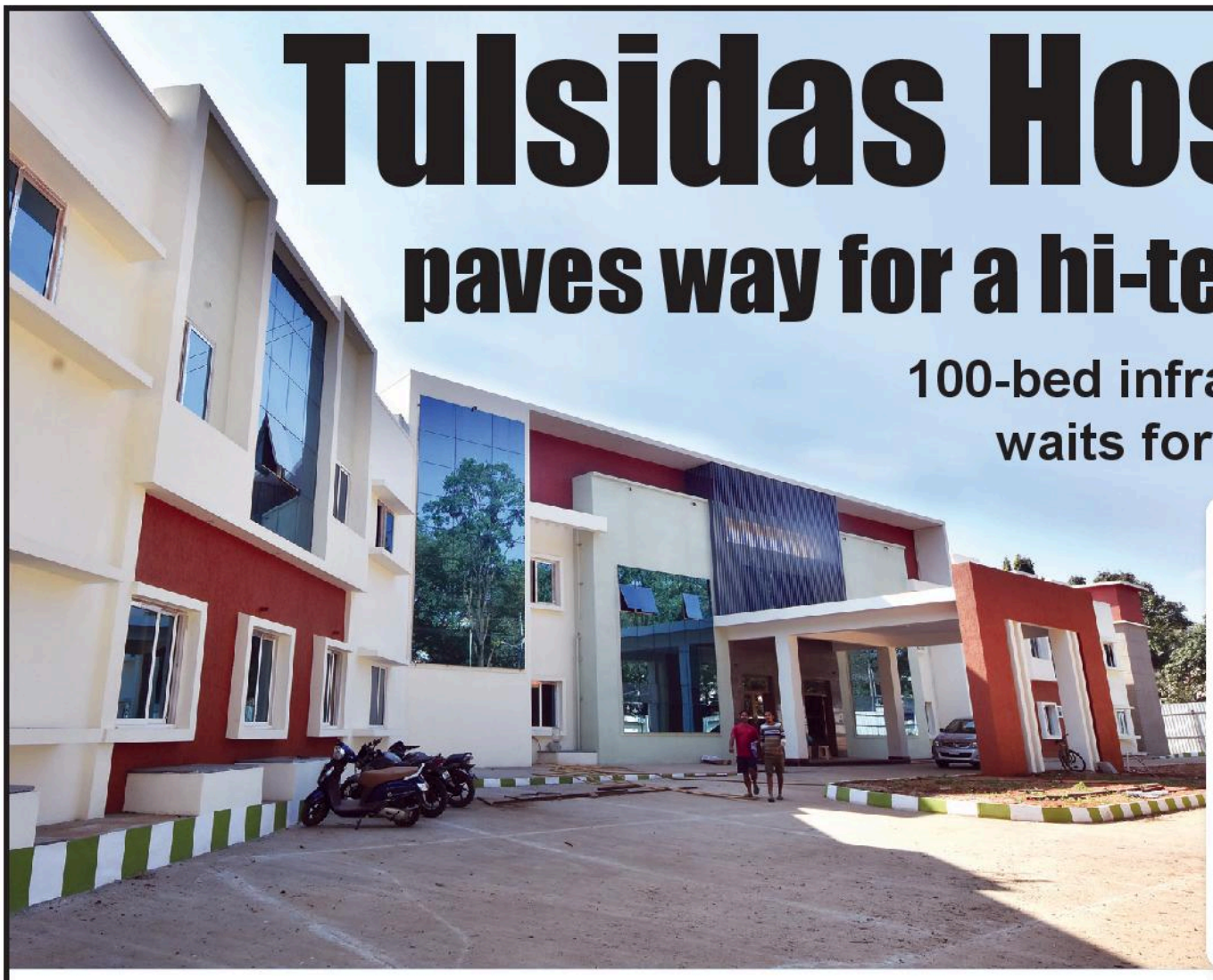
He leaves behind his wife, three daughters, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Jodi Tenginamara Burial Grounds at Bannimantap this afternoon.

Tulsidas Hospital

paves way for a hi-tech facility

100-bed infrastructure ready; waits for equipment, staff



About Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Maternity Hospital

How the hospital came to be known as Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Maternity Hospital? One noble-intended Tulsidas wanted to build a maternity hospital for people of Mysuru and surrounding villages in post-Independent India. He had vast tracks of land and he had donated 5.17 acres of land near JLB Road. The hospital was constructed and named Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Maternity Hospital and the facility was inaugurated by Jayachamaraja Wadiyar in 1949. Even now Tulsidas is known to people of Mysuru through the hospital that bears his name.

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

A 69-year-old maternity hospital has paved way for a high-tech hospital in city and is waiting for modern equipment, service-minded doctors and staff to fill the sections. Thousands of Mysureans have taken birth at this hospital and the new spacious structure is the result of political will, foresight and better utilisation of public funds.

Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Hospital on JLB Road is all set to be another major Government maternity hospital in city after Cheluvamba Hospital and it will cater to the needs of economically weaker sections of people from Mysuru, Hunsur, H.D. Kote, Saragur, K.R. Nagar and even Nanjangud.

They will get a modern hospital with latest equipment to care for pregnant women and neo-natal mothers and their babies. A heartening factor is that Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Hospital will ease the burden of the overcrowded Cheluvamba Hospital where pregnant women and neo-natal mothers are sometimes forced to sleep on the floors due to lack of beds.

Need for another maternity hospital

The 100-bed hospital has been constructed at a cost of Rs. 20 crore. Earlier, Mysuru had only K.R. Hospital, PKTB Sanatorium and Cheluvamba Hospital to cater to a large population. Gradually, many hi-tech hospitals came up in city like Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Trauma Centre, District Hospital that has been converted into a speciality COVID-19 Hospital and Government Ayurvedic Hi-tech Panchakarma Hospital.

Despite these hospitals, a need for another modern maternity hospital arose and now it has been realised with the transformed Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Hospital on JLB Road. If equipment is purchased along with technologies needed for a good maternity hospital and if staff including doctors, nurses and supporting employees are appointed, the new hospital is ready to function from February 2021.

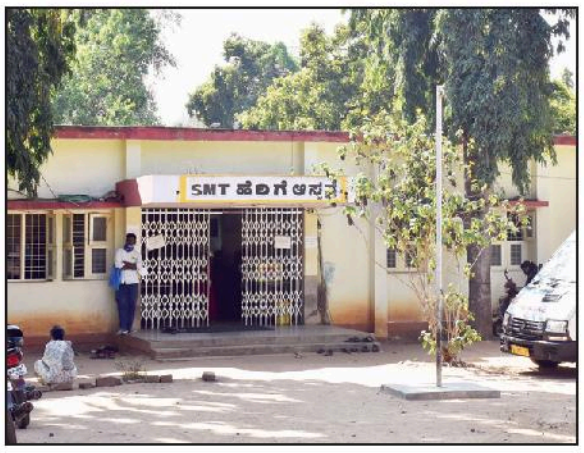
Opened in 1949

The 30-bed Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Maternity Hospital was inaugurated on July 9, 1949 by the then Maharaja of Mysore Jayachamaraja Wadiyar. The hospital completed 69 years in 2018 and now it has completed 71 years. As the structure was dilapidated, very rarely people used to visit the hospital after 2010.

Now the new hospital has been built from the funds sanctioned by the Central Government under National Health Mission. In all, Rs. 16.50 crore has been spent on constructing the building and Rs. 3.50 crore has been reserved to buy equipment, beds and furniture.

Project to Centre

This project was envisaged in 2012 when the current MLA S.A. Ramdas was the District in-Charge and Medical Education Minister. He had approached the Centre with a proposal to demolish the existing structure and construct a new hospital but funds were not released then. In 2016-17, the then Krishnaraja MLA M.K. Somashekar and the then Chamaraja MLA Vasu had brought pressure on the then Chief Minister Siddharamaiah to construct a new hospital and a survey was done. Later, as Mysuru needed a District Hospital, a proposal was floated to convert Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Maternity Hospital into a District Hospital as it had a vast campus.



A part of old building of Seth Mohandas Tulsidas (SMT) Maternity Hospital retained and presently used as temporary OPD till the new facility becomes functional.

Ultimately, the District Hospital went to Chamaraja Constituency and was built on KRS Road. Ramdas again got elected as MLA and he pursued the matter with the Centre. Funds were released under National Health Mission. The old structure that served people since 1949 was demolished in November 2018.

A vast facility

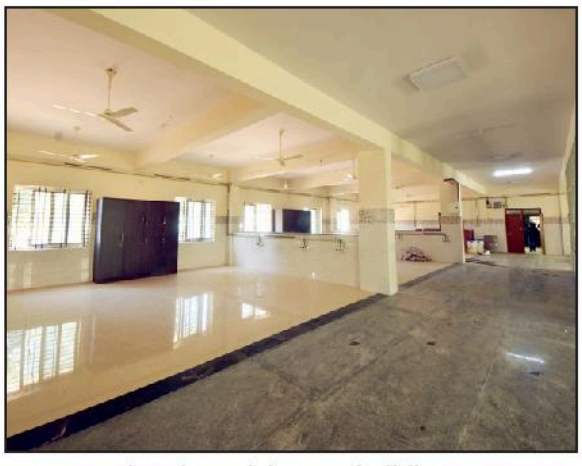
The hospital has been built on a total floor area of 4,870.69 sq.mts. The ground floor measures 2,275.59 sq. mts. while the first floor measures 2,335.79 sq.mts and the second floor measures 259.31 sq.mts.

The ground floor will have Out Patient Department (OPD), Senior Citizen treatment room, X-ray unit and ultra sound rooms, laboratory, blood bank, minor operation theatre, godown for storing medicines and a medical dispensary, a ramp and Sewage Treatment Plant. There will also be autoclave, sterile store and a mortuary.

There will also be a Ward Block with nine wards and six beds in each, on the first floor. Apart from this, it will also have a Paediatric heart care room, a 15 KV generator set will be installed; fire safety measures will be in place along with rainwater harvesting.

The rest of the space will house minor and major operation theatre, meeting hall, staff room, administrative office, medical officer's chamber, duty doctors' rooms and nurses' rooms and immunisation room and paediatric specialists' room. KBR Infratech, Bengaluru, has completed the construction at a cost of Rs. 19,50,31,000 (Rs.19.50 crore).▪

A view of the new facility from the entrance gate.



Interiors of the new building.

GP polls: All set for counting tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (SBD&DM)- With the counting of votes polled in the Gram Panchayat (GP) elections to take place tomorrow (Dec.30), the district administration has made all preparations for smooth counting.

The counting will begin at 8 am and the results are expected by evening. There are over 11,000 candidates in fray and their fate will be decided tomorrow.

The polls for 250 GPs of the district were held in two phases on Dec. 22 and Dec. 27.

The counting of votes in respect of Mysuru Taluk GPs will take place at Maharani's College of Commerce and Management for Women on Valmiki Road in Vinayakanagar. The counting will take place in five rooms with 192 personnel engaged for the purpose. Mysuru taluk has 23 GPs.

The counting of votes for GPs in Nanjangud taluk will take place at the Government PU College for Boys in the town, with the authorities setting up 78 tables in 39 rooms at the college.

Counting of votes for GPs in T. Narasipur taluk will take place at Vidyodaya Educational Institutions in town, where 90 tables have been arranged in 36 rooms.

The counting of votes for GPs in Hunsur taluk will take place at St. Joseph's Educational Institutions in the town, where 79 tables have been arranged in 41 rooms.

The counting of votes for GPs in K.R. Nagar taluk will take place at Government First Grade College in the town, where 70 tables have been arranged in 15 rooms.

The counting of votes for GPs in Periyapatna taluk will take place at Pushpa Convent in the town, where 70 tables have been arranged in 25 rooms.

The counting of votes for GPs in H.D. Kote taluk will take place at St. Mary's High School in the town, where 59 tables have been arranged in 20 rooms.

The counting of votes for GPs in Saragur taluk will take place at the Government First Grade College in H.D. Kote, where 30 tables have been arranged in 10 rooms.

The break up of GPs in the district is as follows — Mysuru Taluk - 23, Hunsur - 41, K.R. Nagar - 34, Periyapatna - 34, H.D. Kote - 26, Saragur - 13, Nanjangud - 43 and T. Narasipur - 36.

The polls were held in two phases for a total of 4,008 out of 4,232 seats in the district.

However, no polls were held for 224 seats because members were elected unopposed in 205 seats, while no nominations were filed in 19 other seats.

Mysuru Taluk Tahsildar K.R. Rakshith** (extreme left) **overseeing the preparations for the counting of votes at Maharani's Commerce and Management College for Women on Valmiki Road in Paduvarahalli this morning. Picture below shows armed Cops guarding the strong room.

TRAFFIC DIVERSION AROUND COUNTING CENTRE IN CITY

Mysuru, Dec. 29- With the counting of votes for GP elections to take place at Maharani's College of Commerce and Management for Women on Valmiki Road in Paduvarahalli (Vinayakanagar) tomorrow, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta has ordered traffic diversion around the centre from 6 am to 10 pm tomorrow (Dec.30).

Accordingly, movement of vehicles of all types has been banned on the stretch of Valmiki Road from Hunsur Road Junction till Kalidasa Road Junction. Similarly, movement of vehicles of all types has been banned on the stretch of Adipampa Road from Mathrumandali Circle to Valmiki Road Junction.

Movement of vehicles has been allowed one way (East to West) on the stretch of Kalidasa Road from Valmiki Road Junction to Mathrumandali Circle, while movement of all types of vehicles on this stretch of the road has been banned from West to East direction.

Movement of heavy vehicles has been banned in the eastern direction on the stretch of Hunsur Road from Dr. Veerendra Heggade Junction (St. Joseph's School Junction) to A. Venkataramanaiah Junction (Paduvarahalli Signal Light Junction). Movement of all types of vehicles has been banned both ways in eastern direction on the stretch of Hunsur Road from A. Venkataramanaiah Junction (Paduvarahalli Junction) to Kalamandira Junction (Double road).

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

The city Police have made alternative routes.

Vehicles moving on Hunsur Road on the stretch from A. Venkataramanaiah Junction (Paduvarahalli Junction) to Kalamandira Junction will have to take a right turn at Venkataramaniah Junction and pass through Open Air Theatre Road - Thippeswamy Circle - Left turn - Bogadi Road- Vishwamanava Double Road Junction - Dr.M. Padma Circle (Kukkarahalli Lake-Railway Gate Junction) - Left turn - Kalamandira Junction - Right turn - Hunsur Road.

Vehicles moving on Hunsur Road on the stretch from Kalamandira Junction to A. Venkataramanaiah Junction, will have to take a left turn at Kalamandira Junction and pass through Dr.M. Padma Circle - Right turn- Bogadi Road- Thippeswamy Circle- Right turn - Open Air Theatre Road - A. Venkataramanaiah Junction – Left turn - Hunsur Road.

Press and media representatives, poll candidates, agents and officers and other staff on counting duty coming in vehicles must take a right turn at KRS Road - Valmiki Road Junction and pass through Kalidasa Road Junction - Right turn - Kalidasa Road - Left turn - Narayanaswamy Block Road - Mahadeshwara Temple backside ground and park their vehicles.

ROUTE FOR KSRTC CITY AND MOFFUSIL BUSES

Buses coming from Hunsur side - Dr. Veerendra Heggade Junction (St.Joseph's School Junction) - Left turn - Temple Road - B.C. Lingaiah Circle - Right turn - Ta.Ra.Su. Circle - Dasappa Circle and move further.

Buses coming from Mysuru city side - Kalamandira Junction - Left turn - Dr.M. Padma Circle (Kukkarahalli Lake Railway Gate Junction) - Right turn - Bogadi Road - Thippeswamy Junction - Right turn - Open Air Theatre Road - A. Venkataramanaiah Junction - Left turn - Hunsur road and move further.

VEHICLE PARKING

Press and media representatives, Poll candidates, agents of candidates and officials and other staff on counting duty should park their vehicles at the ground behind Paduvarahalli Mahadeshwaraswamy Temple.

Parking for two-wheelers and LMVs (Light Motor Vehicles) belonging to members of the public

1. Both sides of Kalidasa Road on the stretch from Swami Vivekananda Statue to Valmiki Road Junction.

2. Both sides of the road from Akashavani Circle to Kalidasa road Junction (westwards).

3. Ground at Manasagangothri campus.

4. Kalamandira premises.

5. Parking lot at the eastern side of Kukkarahalli Lake.

MCC divided over giving contract to B'luru firm for debris management

Mysuru, Dec.29 (RK&SSV)- Discussions are on regarding giving contract to Bengaluru-based Susthira Trust for the management of building debris which has become a big menace for the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) due to its illegal dumping of Ring Roads and Service Roads in city.

The House was still deliberating on the subject as we went to press.

At the MCC Council Meeting here this morning, JD(S) Corporators SBM Manju, Prema Shankargowda and Nagaraj raised strong objection over finalising the Susthira Trust for the debris management without inviting tenders. They favoured calling for global tenders to allow others to participate in bidding. However, M. Subbaiah and Shivakumar, both BJP Corporators supported giving contract to Susthira Trust which has expertise in the management of building debris in other cities and urged the MCC to make an announcement in this regard in the interest of city development.

MCC Health Officer Dr.M. Nagaraj informed the meeting that after the issue was deliberated in the Council Meeting recently, the Corporation had called for Express of Interest for the management of building waste in which only four companies participated. Upon going through their credentials, it was found that none of the four companies have had experience in debris management. So, they were issued endorsement that's why they were not considered for the said task. However, Susthira Trust was technically qualified to bag this contract.

The JD(S) Corporators argued that the MCC must get revenue out of it since land and water was provided to any company which will bag the contract. The company would make money out of disposing of construction debris scientifically.

Mysuru and Kodagu MP Pratap Simha said that only qualified company must be given the contract in the interest of cleanliness in city. Now, the building debris is dumped on Ring Road and Service Road which was marring the city beauty. Addressing this problem would help the MCC to get the title of cleanest city. Congress Corporators Arif Hussain and Ayub Khan suggested to give contract for one or two years to examine the quality of work and then take decision on giving the contract for long period, they added.

Mysore University, KSOU remember Rashtrakavi

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (RKB&DM)- Garlanding of Kuvempu Statue and floral tributes to the portrait marked Rashtrakavi Kuvempu's 117th birth anniversary celebrations in the city this morning.

University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar garlanded and showered flower petals on the Statue of Kuvempu at the entrance to Manasagangothri campus from Bogadi road side.

Later, a stage programme was held at Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS) auditorium, where speakers spoke about Kuvempu's Vishwamanava concept of life and his other messages to the society.

UoM Registrar Prof. R. Shivanna, KIKS Director Prof. N.G. Manjunath, faculty Prof. N. Boralingaiah and Prof. Nanjaiah Honganur, former Director Prof. C.P. Siddashrama and others were present.

In another event, KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Vidyashankar and other faculty members offered floral tributes to the portrait of Kuvempu at Cauvery auditorium in KSOU Campus at Manasagangothri.

KSOU Registrar Prof. Lingaraj Gandhi, Kuvempu Studies and Research Centre Director Dr. N.R. Chandregowda, Vijayanagar Government First Grade College for Women Kannada faculty Dr. C. Bettegowda and others were present.

Kuvempu birth anniversary was celebrated at the city BJP main office too in Chamarajapuram. Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra and a host of other party leaders offered floral tributes to the portrait of Kuvempu. Corporators Pramila Bharath and M.U. Subbaiah, leaders Kiran Gowda, Vaneesh Kumar and others were present.

Kuvempu Statue at Kuvempu Park near Gun House Circle was garlanded by dignitaries at an event jointly organised by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and District Kannada Sahitya Parishat. MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, former President M. Chandrasekhar, Corporator B.V. Manjunath, former MLA M.K. Somasekhar, Kannada activists Thayur Vittalamurthy, Mugur Nanjundaswamy and others were present.

Mysore Varsity Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar and others offering floral tributes to the Statue of Kuvempu at the entrance to Gangothri campus in city this morning.

KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Vidyashankar and other faculty members offering floral tributes to the portrait of Kuvempu at Cauvery auditorium in KSOU Campus here this morning.

SSLC, II PU classes

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Classes are being started from Jan. 1 in the interest of future of children and to prevent social evils like child marriage and child labour, the ZP CEO said.

Letter of consent from parents

Students are allowed inside classrooms only if they produce letter of consent from parents stating that their kids do not have any signs of Corona.

The Education Department must not compel either students or parents in this regard. Every school will have a room which is temporarily converted as isolation room where the students with cough, fever and cold will be treated. Both teachers and students will undergo health check-up by Taluk Health Officers," he added.

15 students per class

Paramesh said only 15 students would sit in each classroom with social distancing. They have to bring water, food and hand sanitiser from home. Prayers would be held inside the classrooms instead of mass prayer in the school campus.

In Mysuru district, 4.50 lakh students study from 1st to 10th standard of which 41,000 were in 10th standard. The Government has instilled confidence among parents to send their wards to school without any fear or tension.

No permission for 1st to 5th std.

ZP CEO said Government has so far not given permission to conduct 1st to 5th standard classes and online classes will continue for them. Decision regarding opening of other classes will be taken after seeing response to the *Vidyagama*.

Dr. Panduranga, Deputy Director, Department of Public Instruction, Venkatachala, Assistant Project Co-ordinator in DDPI Office and others were present.

PU classes

Meanwhile, the II PU classes will start from Jan. 1 and precautionary measures have been taken in this regard, said Geetha, Deputy Director, Department of Pre-University Education. According to her, 32,000 students are studying in 258 PU colleges in the district. It was not compulsory for the students to attend offline classes but those who wish to go to colleges must bring consent letter from parents.

No New Year-Eve bash

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Though in Mysuru rules are not strict as in Bengaluru, the Police are not taking any chances and are asking hotels, restaurants and clubs to switch off the lights at 11.30 pm. They will not be allowed to either serve liquor or serve food after the deadline, the DCP added.

"All guests and patrons must leave hotels and restaurants by 11.30 pm and the shutters must be down after that. We will enforce the rules strictly and violating establishments will be dealt with severely. CCTV footages of all the venues will be collected and action will be taken against hotels and restaurants and also the guests who do not fall in line," Dr. Prakash Gowda added.

There will be no opportunity for DJ dance and live music. "Hotels, clubs and restaurants must ensure that COVID norms are followed while hosting people for parties. Social distancing must be maintained and people crowding at tables, food buffets and drinks counter must be avoided," he said and added that footages of parties too will be checked if there are any violations.

BAN ORDERS IMPOSED

The Mandya District Administration has clamped prohibitory orders at Balamuri, Yedamuri and the backwaters of Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) and Muthathi near Malavalli on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 2021. This is to prevent New Year revellers from crowding the venues and prevent drowning incidents in water bodies.

These are some popular places in Mandya District where people prefer to bid adieu to the last day of the year. Cases of drowning had marred New Year celebrations at such places, especially at Muthathi and Balamuri, of late. In view of this, the district administration has imposed prohibitory orders. The Police will erect barricades on all Highways to prevent rash and reckless riding and driving under the influence of alcohol, said the Police.

Dy. Chairman dies

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Dharme Gowda, who is survived by his wife, son and a daughter, is said to have been distressed over the way he was treated by some members during recent chaos in the Council. During the one-day proceeding of the Council, Gowda was pushed and shoved by angry Congress members who said that only the Chairman can preside over the House. He was dragged from the Chair by Congress members who alleged that he had joined hands with the ruling BJP to unconstitutionally unseat the Upper House Chairman Pratap Chandra Shetty of the Congress.

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, Leader of Opposition in Assembly Siddharamaiah, KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar, JD(S) Supremo and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda and former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy apart from various other political leaders have expressed shock and grief at the death of Dharme Gowda.

RT-PCR test for students

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (RK&SSV)- There was good response for free RT-PCR test being held at J.K.Grounds in city this morning for students and teachers in the wake of re-opening of schools and colleges from Jan 1.

Two-day testing, which began today, was organised by District Lions Services Foundation, Dist 317A in association with District Health Department, Department of Public Instruction, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI). Testing will be done from 10 am to 4 pm today and tomorrow.

Around 250 students and teachers had turned up at the grounds to undergo free testing in the morning. Some parents, who had accompanied their wards to the venue, too underwent COVID test.

Pandals have been erected at two to three places for the health staff to collect the samples.

Initially, there were two counters and it was increased to four due to good response of teachers and students. The Health Department was ready to open more counters as and when more number of persons would come to the venue.

The Aaadhar number and mobile number of every student and teacher was collected at the counter before collecting the sample. Results would be sent to the mobile phone numbers given at the registration counter. A number of parents also underwent free testing along with their children. Results are expected by this evening, said an officer of Health Department.

The organisers are expecting around 400-500 students and teachers to undergo free RT-PCR test on the first day. The State Government has made it mandatory to undergo test 72 hours before re-opening of schools and colleges and produce negative report at the time of entering the classes.

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JLB Road footpath turns into public urinal, garbage dumping spot

The footpath on JLB Road to the left from Devaraj Urs Road has turned into a public urinals and a garbage dumping spot which is forcing pedestrians to walk on the busy road risking their lives. The public have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to prevent such acts which spoil the environment.

Control stray horse menace at J.P. Nagar

Stray horses left freely by owners are causing a lot of problems at Siddalingeshwara Layout in J.P. Nagar as they come all of a sudden in front of moving vehicles besides standing in front of the gates forcing residents to stay indoors. The residents have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to control stray horse menace at the earliest.

Plea to clear weeds grown inside drain at Vijayanagar

Overgrown weeds inside a box drain at 23rd Cross in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage is not cleared which is resulting in insects and reptiles making it their shelter and forcing residents to live in a sense of fear. Residents alleged that though the problem was brought to the notice of the officials concerned several times since past two years, no action has been taken till date. The residents have once again urged the officials concerned to take steps to get the weeds cleared from the drain at the earliest.

Books released, Awards presented

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (MTY&SD)- Mysuru Sahitya Mattu Samskritika Pratishtana had organised a books release function at Rotary Auditorium on JLB road here on Sunday.

Collection of poems - *Megha Mandara* by D. Manjunath; collection of Vachanas-*Vachana Chintamani* by B. Dilip Salanke and drama- *Ake! Sujata* by C. Vani Raghavendra were released by Writer Dr. Anasuya S. Kempanahalli.

Later, Shikshana Ratna Award was presented to Dr. P.G. Indukala Urs, Sahiyta Ratna Award to M.S. Venkataramaiah, Vidu. Gana Saraswati Award to Dr. Suma Harinath, Ranga Chatura Award to D. Ashwath Kadamba, Sahitya Sindhu Award to Dr. S. Puttappa Mudigunda, K. Mahadev Nayak Parisara Premi Award to P.T. Lakshminarayan, Samaja Seva Ratna Award ton S. Satyasheela and T. Ravigowda and Kreeda Ratna Award on Pailwan Diwani.

Kannada Sahity Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, former President Maddikere Gopal and M. Chandrashekhar were felicitated on this occasion.

Speaking after releasing the three books, Writer Dr. Anasuya S. Kempanahalli addressed the gathering. Lecturer D.C. Tejovati and Writer Samudravalli Vasu spoke about the books *Megha Mandara* and *Ake! Sujata* respectively.

Pratishtana Founder-President M.B. Santosh, Cultural Committee President N.C. Mamata, General Secretary M.N. Jayanthi, Vice-President C. Vani Raghavendra, Treasurer D. Manjunath, Rekha Santosh, S. Datta, Nitu S. Raj, B.R. Vijayashri and others were present.

Mangaluru Musician feted in city

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (SPN&DM)- Senior Musician from Mangaluru and Dakshina Kannada District and Rajyotsava awardee Vidushi Nayana Rai was felicitated at the 29th 'Nrutyotsava' (Dance festival) programme organised by Bharatiya Nrutyakala Parishat in memory of Natyacharya M. Vishnudas at Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road here on Sunday.

Speaking after being felicitated, Vidushi Nayana Rai, who is also a senior artist at Mangaluru's Vishwa Kalaniketana Dance School, said that she had served as a Physical Education teacher in the Education Department for 32 years. Recalling the support and co-operation extended by her sub-ordinates and other staff during her service in the Education Department, she said that Vishnudas was among the top artistes who promoted classical dance in Mysuru.

Attributing her growth in the field of dance to Vishnudas, she said that she was delighted to have grown to such an extent that the society recognises her talent and feats.

Nrutyagiri Performing Arts Centre Director Vidushi Krupa Phadke, Vidushis A. Chandramathi, Kumudini Acchhi and C.N. Anitha and others were present.

The event was followed by a dance performance by artistes of city's Manu Vidya Cultural Foundation.

H.K.R. Award for theatre personalities

B.R. Ravish *B.M. Ramachandra* *D. Ashwath Kadamba* *H.S. Suresh Babu* *Ramesh Babu*

Mysuru,Dec. 29- City's theatre group Kadamba Rangavedike has selected five theatre personalities for Dr.H.K.R Theatre Award. The awardees are B.R. Ravish (Theatre Music), B.M. Ramachandra (Costume Design), D. Ashwath Kadamba (Make up), H.S. Suresh Babu (Organisation) and Ramesh Babu (Stage Management).

Folk Scholar Kalegowda Nagawara will confer the awards on Jan. 3, 2021 at 11 am at Suruchi Rangamane on Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar. Former Rangayana Director H.Janardhan, Dr.H.K. Ramnath, Vijaya Sindhuvalli and Prof.C.V. Sridhar Murthy will be the guests of honour.

'COVID Kattaleyalloo Rangabelaku'

Book release at Rangayana on Dec. 31

Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa addressing a press meet at Rangayana premises yesterday as Rangayana Mysuru Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy looks on.

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (RKB&DM)- 'COVID Kattaleyalloo Rangabelaku,' a book marking the first year in office of Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa, will be released at a programme to take place at Bhoomigeeta in Rangayana premises at 3.30 pm on Dec. 31.

Announcing this at a press meet at Rangayana yesterday, Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa said that MLA L. Nagendra will release the book. Senior theatre and film art director Shashidhar Adapa will be the guest of honour.

Pointing out that the book explains about all the activities that took place in the theatre repertory amid the COVID-19 crisis, Cariappa said that subsequent to the release of the book at 3.30 pm on Dec. 31, students of Rangayana's Bharatiya Rangashikshana Kendra will present a demonstration on 'Kolata Mattu Raaga Saraaga,' which will be followed by Tala-Maddale 'Bheeshmaarjuna' by Anjaneya Mahila Yakshagana Sangha of Puttur (Director: Bhaskar Barya) at Vanaranga in Rangayana premises at 6.30 pm.

Referring to the preparations going on in Rangayana for performing a play based on Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa's popular work 'Parva', he said that a team of 30 artistes including 15 from Rangayana itself has started practicing the play and the practice will gain more pace from Jan. 1.

Exuding confidence that 'Parva' play will be performed on stage by the end of February, he said that it is a 7-hour-long play, with three breaks — one for lunch and two for tea. However, it is not yet been decided whether the play should be staged during the day or night, he said and added that Rangayana has plans to perform the play three times a week in March, April and May.

Continuing, he said that 'Parva' play will also have sub-titles in at least two other languages and there are plans for staging the play in all parts of the State after May, for which funds will be sought from the Government.

Regarding 'Bahuroopi' National Theatre Festival, Cariappa said that the festival in the past years was usually held in the month of January. But due to COVID-19 crisis, this important Theatre Festival cannot be held in January 2021 and Rangayana is planning to hold it in April 2021 depending upon COVID-19 situation in the State, he noted.

Announcing that 'Bahuroopi' has been declared as a State Festival following representations to the State Government, he said that the Government has sanctioned Rs. 1 crore for the festival, out of which Rs. 50 lakh has been released.

Stating that Rangayana will be staging the play 'Sutradhara' in February with an objective of spreading the aspirations of the Constitution among the public, he said that 10 artistes have been selected for the play. The play is scripted by well-know playwright S. Ramnath, he added.

Campaign for naming road after B.V. Karanth

Cariappa said that a 'Abhiyaana' (campaign) will be taken out by Rangayana artistes, theatre personalities, students and all others involved in the theatre, at the entry gate of Rangayana, seeking to name the road connecting Kalamandira with Kukkarahalli Lake Gate (Railway Crossing side) after renowned theatre director *Padma Shri* B.V. Karanth, who was instrumental in setting up the theatre repertory in the city.

Maintaining that several representations have been made to the MCC and the State Government in this regard, he said that the **'Abhiyaana' will be taken out at 11.30 am on Dec. 31 ahead of the release of the book 'COVID Kattaleyalloo Rangabelaku.'**

The Rangayana Director further said that 'Bendre Beragu', a music programme in memory of Jnanapith awardee Da.Ra. Bendre, will be held at 6.30 pm on Jan. 2, 2021 in Rangayana premises. Hindustani singer Ramachandra G. Hadapad, Shwetha Prabhu, writer G.P. Basavaraju, renowned singer Vidu. H.R. Leelavathi and other dignitaries will be part of the programme, he added.

Cariappa also said that Rangayana will be staging several plays in January.

Special Handloom Expo

and Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav at JSS Urban Haat from tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 29- After an overwhelming response for the recently concluded 'Samskruti 2020' special handloom exhibition, the JSS Mysore Urban Haat is organising two more expos — ***Special Handloom Expo*** under the sponsorship of Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Government of India, Ministry of Textiles, Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and the Department of Handloom,Textiles and Commerce and ***Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav*** under the sponsorship of INDEXT-c, Government of Gujarat — from Dec. 30 to Jan. 12.

The exhibitions will be inaugurated tomorrow (Dec. 30) at 4 pm at JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, Mysuru.

More than 50 Weavers and Weavers Societies from all over India including National and State awardees will be exhibiting and selling their attractive traditional and heritage handloom products in the Handloom Expo while 50 artisans of Gujarat are participating in the Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav.

The exhibition will be open for visitors from 10 am to 9 pm on all the days. There is no entry and parking fee for the exhibition.

The Weavers will exhibit Geogarphical Indication (GI) Handlooms from Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Kutch, Kerala, Jammu & Kashmir and from Karnataka Kanchipuram Silk Sarees, Maheshwari Silk Sarees, Tussar Silk Sarees, Dharmavaram Silk Sarees, Kutch Shawls, Kuthampalli Handloom Sarees, Kani Shawls and Ilakal Silk Sarees, Punjabi Phulkari, Patiala Suits, Grass Mats, Curtains, Jaipur Kurthas and Raprons, Jute bags, Kantha Stitch Sarees, Banaras Sarees and Dress Materials, Boutique Sarees and Dress, Bengali Cotton Sarees, Chicken Embroidery, Rajasthan Embroidery, Vegetable Print Dress Materials and other attractive items.

The creative artisans from Gujarat will exhibit, demonstrate and sell their rich art and crafts like Bandhani (Tie & Dye), Kutchhi Embroidery, Handloom Products, Bamboo Crafts, Jute Items, Coir Products, Clay Articles, Patch Work, Bead work, Terracotta, Warli Painting, Eco-Friendly Jewellery Items and many more.

All COVID-19 precautionary measures will be taken during the exhibitions.

City bus facility has been arranged from KSRTC Bus Stand (Bus No. 117), according to a press release.

WORD OF THE DAY

Opprobrium

Pronunciation: uh-PROH-bree-um.

Meaning: Something that brings disgrace; public disgrace or ill fame that follows from conduct considered grossly wrong or vicious; contempt, reproach.

Origin: Opprobrium was borrowed into English from Latin in the 17th century. It derives from the Latin verb opprobrare, which means "to reproach." That verb, in turn, came from the noun probrum, meaning "disgraceful act" or "reproach." The adjective form of opprobrium is opprobrious, which in English means "scurrilous" or "infamous." One might commit an "opprobrious crime" or be berated with "opprobrious language," for example. Probrum gave English another word too, but you might have a little trouble guessing it. It is exprobrate, an archaic synonym of censure and upbraid.

Example: "Nonetheless, I remained a fellow traveler. In those days, the term was one of approval, not opprobrium." — Ellen Feldman, Scottsboro, 2008.

THE ODD WORD

Oblivescence

Forgetfulness; forgetting.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Off base

Meaning: If someone is "off base," it means they are wrong or are mistaken about something.

Origin: This phrase possibly originates from baseball. Bases are a big part of this sport. After a batter hits the ball, they run to first base with the goal of reaching the home plate, or fourth base. During the game, base runners that are already on a base can "steal" the next one by running to it. Before attempting this, though, a common thing runners do is position themselves a short distance away from the current plate they are on and closer to the plate they want to advance to. When a base runner is positioned in such a way, he is off base. This is risky because if the pitcher notices that the runner is far from a plate, he can quickly throw to the baseman on that plate, potentially resulting in an out for the runner. Anyways, this saying goes back to at least the 19th century. For example, the Piqua Miami Helmet newspaper from the year 1880 uses this expression: "Yet today he is almost penniless. I saw him last night on his semi-weekly spree. As he said 'the old man was off his base again.' I have seen him bet $50 on 'faro' when so drunk he could not see the cards."

QUOTE BOX

The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall. **—Nelson Mandela**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

WRENCH HAMMER CHISEL PLIERS

Answer: Down Tools.

SUDOKU

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			3			4	9	7
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Answer to previous puzzle

2	7	5	9	1	8	4	3	6
9	4	8	6	5	3	7	1	2
1	3	6	2	7	4	5	8	9
8	1	9	3	4	5	2	6	7
7	2	3	1	6	9	8	5	4
5	6	4	7	8	2	1	9	3
4	8	7	5	9	6	3	2	1
3	9	1	8	2	7	6	4	5
6	5	2	4	3	1	9	7	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Lord Mahavir's follower
5 Capable
8 Furry dog Lhasa ____
12 Harry's aunt
13 Suffix denoting "somewhat"
14 Condemn to an adverse fate
15 Words of denial (3,1)
16 Reclines (4,4)
18 Black bird
19 Multiplex at Dhobi Talao, Mumbai
20 Large Scale Integration, abbr.
21 Protective ditch
23 PC alternative
25 Convert yarn into fabric, in a way?
27 Slang meaning first rate? (3,4)
31 Poker stake
32 Ancient Order of the Shepherds
33 Organic compound
34 Free from germs
36 Sheds tears
37 Camera type
38 Bites or nibbles at
39 Inst. Flying Regulations
42 Alaskan peninsula
44 President Eisenhower's nickname?
47 Do business
49 Mine opening
50 Bamboo stalk
51 Dead on arr.
52 Reminder note
53 Jekyll's alter ego
54 Fashion monogram
55 Chief Norse god

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

T	H	O	R		M	C	C		A	B	E	L
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R	O	C		W	E	D	S		A	U	R	A
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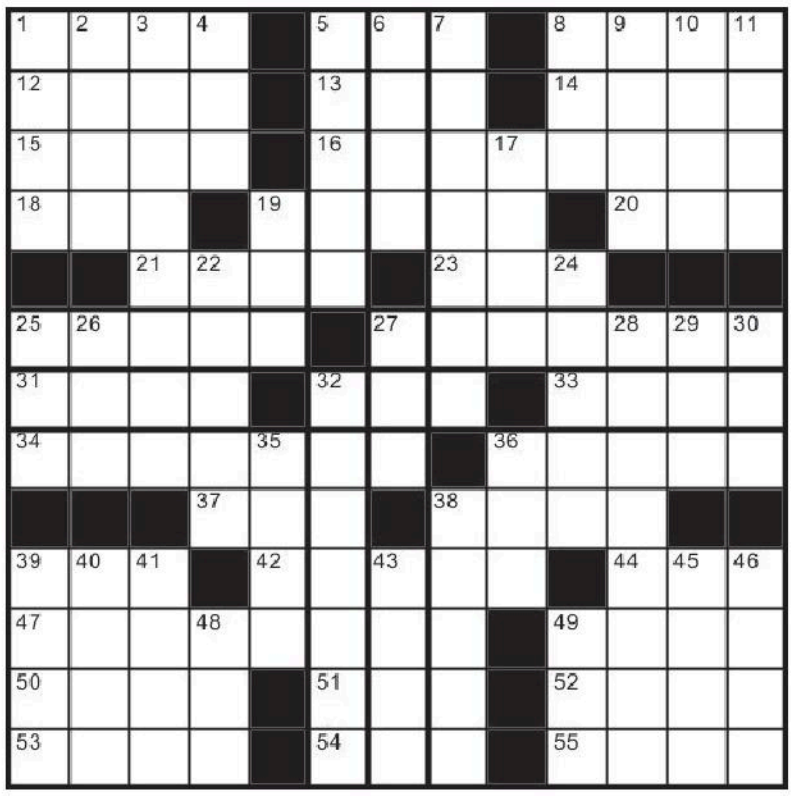
L	E	I	A		N	A	U	S	E	O	U	S
B	A	R	B		I	V	E		R	U	S	E
E	N	D	S		C	A	R		E	R	S	E

DOWN

1 Ms. Novotna of tennis
2 In a short time
3 Drop hints
4 Indonesia's earlier name
5 Tender, boneless cut of beef
6 A small question expressing doubt, wonder or disbelief? (2,2)
7 Vacuum-flask
8 Find the sum of
9 One of the games payable on a billiards table
10 Female pigs
11 Ever present as a prefix
17 Washing substance
19 Ms. West of Hollywood fame?
22 Series of balls in cricket
24 Chirp
25 Past tense of verb "is"
26 Tolkien's tree like creature
27 Digit of the foot
28 Partial or unfair? (3-5)
29 Cut off or sever from the whole
30 Electronic Library Sys.
32 By now, previously
35 Kinds, types or sorts
36 Nintendo gaming console
38 Of birth
39 Desire to scratch
40 Fight, conflict; brawl
41 South African currency
43 In brief, sergeants and corporals
45 ___ Raikkonen: 2007 F1 World Champion
46 English public school
48 French word for "born"
49 Introduction to Latin



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

PY KBDD JDKJVH WY J HDJCY KPZ XZYH QZR

UQZK PZK RZ DBCY GNZQ J DBRRDY.

TODAY'S CLUE: P EQUALS H

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 29)

- **Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC), Mysuru:** Vasundharotsava-2020, the 34th edition of national festival of classical dance and music, Kathak by Aditi Ashok and Spoorthi Ashok, Bengaluru - Disciples of Guru Nirupama Rajendra, **5.30 pm;** Bharatanatyam by Vasundhara Jamadagni - Disciple of Vid. Sandesh Bhargav, **6.15 pm;** Kuchipudi by Vidu. Rekha Satish - Disciple of Guru Manju Bharagavee, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **7 pm to 8 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 30)

- **Sri Panchamukhi Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Irwin Road:** 20th Hanuma Jayanti Mahotsava, special puja, **9 am;** Satyanarayana Puja, Temple premises, **7 pm.**
- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat:** Book release — Amshi Prasannakumar's 'Kalaavalokana' and 'Mane-Managala Kathe' — by MLA G.T. Devegowda, Kannada Book Authority Chairman Dr. Nandish Hanche chief guest, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, senior theatre artiste Prof. H.S. Umesh and Asst. Professor Govindaraju Lakshmipura will speak about the book, author Amshi Prasannakumar and publisher Srinivas will be present, District Sahitya Bhavan, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10.30 am.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat and Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Government of India, Ministry of Textiles, Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and the Department of Handloom,Textiles and Commerce; INDEXT-c, Government of Gujarat:** Inauguration of Special Handloom Expo and Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav, **4 pm;** Exhibition, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC), Mysuru:** Vasundharotsava-2020, 34th edition of national festival of classical dance and music, Vidu. Dr. Lakshmi Rekha, Bengaluru - Disciple of Guru Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, **5.30 pm;** Vidu. Vidyashree Radhakrishna, Mangaluru - Disciple of late Guru Muralidhar Rao and Vid. Ramaa Vaidyanathan, **6.30 pm;** Dr. K.S. Pavitra, Shivamogga (A Tribute to Rashtra Kavi Kuvempu) - Disciple of Guru Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **7.30 pm to 8.25 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Monthly Moonlight Music Digital Programme, Jugalbandi by Vid. Anil Srinivasan (piano) and Pt. Pravin Godkhindi (flute), accompanied by Pt. Ravindra Yavagal on tabla, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.** [YouTube: ***https://www.youtube.com/c/JSSMahavidyapeethaonline*** OR Facebook: ***https://www.facebook.com/JSSMVP/*** OR ***http://jssonline.org/***]

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Vanguard (E)	2 Shows - 4.30 pm, 7.30 pm

Balaji Theatre Ph: 2497199

Shakeela (H)	3 Shows

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Wonder Women - 1984 (E)	(S-1)	1.10 pm, 4.15 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am, 6.50 pm
Solo Brathuke So Better (Te)	(S-1)	7.30 pm; (S-2) 11.10 am
	(S-3)	4.00 pm; (S-4) 1.45 pm
Bow Bow (K)	(S-2)	1.55 pm
Shakeela (H)	(S-2)	4.30 pm, 7.10 pm
Vanguard (E)	(S-3)	11.15 am, 6.30 pm
Avanalli Ivalilli (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Murder (Te)	(S-3)	8.40 pm
Act 1978 (K)	(S-4)	4.15 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Wonder Women - 1984 (E)	(S-4)	10.00 am
	(S-1)	10.45 am, 2.15 pm
		5.45 pm
	(S-2)	11.30 am, 3.00 pm
		6.30 pm
Solo Brathuke So Better (Te)	(S-3)	10.15 am, 1.10 pm
		7.00 pm
Vanguard (E)	(S-4)	1.30 pm
	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Avanalli Ivalilli (K)	(S-4)	4.30 pm
Shakeela (H)	(S-4)	7.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Australia Vs India - 2nd Test

Rahane-inspired India trumps Australia to level series

Melbourne, Dec. 29- Hungry for redemption, India recorded a win under an inspirational Ajinkya Rahane, beating Australia by eight wickets in the second Test to level the four-match series 1-1 in Melbourne today.

The target of 70 was never a big one but for a team that was bowled out for its all-time lowest score of 36 only 10 days back, one can't fault them if that played at the back of their minds. Shubman Gill (35 not out) and skipper Rahane (27 not out) knocked off the runs in 15.5 overs to complete the victory.

Earlier the Indian bowlers Jasprit Bumrah (2/54 in 27 overs), debutant Mohammed Siraj (3/37 in 21.3 overs), Ravichandran Ashwin (2/71 in 37.1 overs) and Ravindra Jadeja (2/28 in 14 overs) bowled out Australia for 200 in their second innings, thus leaving India just 70 runs to win which they did in style losing just two wickets.

SCORES: Australia - 195 and 200; India - 326 and 70/2.

The third of the 4-Test series will take place at Sydney from Jan. 7 to 11, 2021.

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

Jamshedpur beat Bengaluru

T.P. Rehenesh (Jamshedpur FC) dives to make a save.

Margao, Dec. 29- A goal from Stephen Eze and a T.P. Rehenesh masterclass between the sticks ensured a 1-0 win for Jamshedpur FC over Bengaluru FC in Match 41 of Hero ISL 2020-21 at the Fatorda Stadium here yesterday.

The Nigerian centre-back's header sealed the deal for Owen Coyle's men and condemned Bengaluru FC to a second consecutive defeat.

Jamshedpur custodian Rehenesh was the best player for his side yet again and kept his third clean sheet of the season in a 1-0 win over Bengaluru FC. Rehenesh saved all six of the shots that he faced on target and also made three punches and two clearances for Jamshedpur.

Hero of the Match: T.P. Rehenesh; **DHL Winning Pass of the Match Award:** Aniket Jadhav (Jamshedpur FC).

Hero INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE IMG RELIANCE STAR

Today's Match (Dec. 29)

CHENNAIYIN FC
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Tomorrow's Match (Dec. 30)

HYDERABAD
Vs
GOA
Tilak Maidan Stadium,
Vasco da Gama, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Yesterday's Result

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